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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: Method Claims 16-31.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lathan (U.S. 5586339).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The prior art was discussed in reference to the method claims. It appears that the prior art does not render the method claims obvious. The applicant mentioned cancelling the structural claims and keeping the method claims. Applicant will submit an after final amendment. An updated search will then be conducted.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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